

# Dutch Stamps Help Red Cross

## Cincinnati Youth Wins Design Contest

Richard L. Dallow, a thirteen year old Boy Scout of 1921 Wilaray Terrace, Cincinnati 30, Ohio, won first prize of \$25 in the Gadsden Purchase Centennial Stamp Design Contest conducted by the Cochise Stamp Club of Douglas, Arizona.

A variety of designs from all parts of the United States were submitted. The winning design pictured James Gadsden, the Seal of Arizona and New Mexico and a map of the purchased area.

The second prize of \$15 was won by Robert E. Marley, 6108 Hargis St., Los Angeles 34, Calif., and the third prize of \$10 was won by Donald L. Folger, 708 12th St., Douglas, Arizona.

All designs submitted were on display in a Douglas downtown display window from Wednesday July 22 to Friday July 24, after which the three winning designs were sent to the Post Office Department for consideration.

The \$25 first prize was donated by the Douglas Chamber of Commerce; the \$15 second prize by the Coca Cola Bottling Co.; and the third of \$10 by the Cochise Stamp Club.

## Find New Watermark On Trieste Stamps

According to Joseph Bush, Chula Vista, Calif. Trieste stamps have a new type watermark which seems to have been overlooked by most of the collectors of such issues. Some time in 1952 a smaller size than previously employed was added to the paper.

Stamps with this new one are: "Work Set" — 50c, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, and 60 Lire; "Authorized Delivery" — 20L (Scott EY5); "Airmail" — 100L (C23); "Postage Due" — 5, 20, 30L; "Parcel Post" — 5, 10, 20, 30 and 300L.

Also according to Mr. Bush there are two types of the 200L Work set, an olive brown perfed 14 x 14, and an olive perfed 13½ x 14.

No longer in stock at Trieste post offices are the 25L airmail and the 6, 8 and 12 Lire Postage Dues. Because there is no need for these they will not be printed in additional quantities.

## Specialist Society Achieves A "First"

The Booklet Pane Society, whose members specialize in the collecting of Stamp Booklets from those of the world's nations which issue them, achieved some desirable publicity recently in what is thought to be a "first" of its kind.

It contracted with the Israel Postal Administration for the back cover space of a postal booklet. There the name and address of the group was given as well as an invitation to interested persons to join it.

News of the accomplishment was carried in the club's official organ, "The Booklet". Copies of The Booklet are available without cost from Harry Moskovitz, 6769 Groton St., Forest Hills, N.Y.

## Military Stamp Club Chooses New Officers

Lieut. Col. T. J. Hieatt of Fort Bliss, Texas, has been elected president of the Border Armed Forces Stamp and Coin Society. Membership embraces commissioned military personnel and warrant officers, active and retired, in the El Paso, Texas, area. Military installations in that area include White Sands Proving Ground, Biggs Air Force Base and Fort Bliss. Capt. Stanley M. Lucas is vice-president of the organization.



**SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITS UN MATERIAL.** In the rotunda of the Arts and Industries Bldg. of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. a display of United Nations philatelic material was set up in a public exhibition. On hand for the inaugural were, from left to right, Dr. Remington Kellogg, National Museum director; Dr. John L. Kiddy, Smithsonian assistant secretary; Reidar Tvedt, chief of the UN Postal Administration; and Dr. Luis Thomen, Dominican Republic ambassador and chairman of the UN stamp design committee.

## Colorful Steady Flow Of Free Territory Of Trieste Issues Began In Late 1948

By Bert Happ

### CHAPTER V

Trieste Philatelic Congress. September 8-12, 1948.

This Congress was sponsored by and run by the Circolo Filatelico Triestino in conjunction with the Sindacato Triveneto Commercianti, under the patronage of local authorities and with the authorization of the Allied Military Government. It opened Wednesday morning September 8 at 10:30 in the Municipio in Trieste, and the Exposition was officially begun at 11:30 that morning. The feature lecture was given by Prof. Carlo Ravisini on Thursday. His subject was Tuscany Precursors and Tuscany Military Post. Evenings were spent at various locations in the F.T.T. area, while on Friday evening a banquet was held at the Bottega del Vino del Castello di San Giusto.

Saturday saw excursions to Redipuglia and Gorizia. The Congress closed Sunday evening, September 12 at 9 p.m.



spanned by a covered wooden bridge. On September 8, 1796, the bridge was blown up by the French under Napoleon I, while defeating the Austrians at Bassano.

The covered wooden bridge was built to replace it. This in turn was blown up by the Germans while retreating in World War II.



"Sul Ponte Di Bassano Noi Ci Darem La Mano," an inscription on the stamp, refers to the help rendered by the Alpine Soldiers in reconstructing this bridge, which is called the Ponte degli Alpini. The Alpine soldier in the design looks toward the completed work, done to commemorate the wearers of the Long Black Feather. The date, October 3, 1948, commemorates the opening of the bridge. Its first day in Trieste was October 15, 1948.

100th Death Anniversary  
Of Gaetano Donizetti

Gaetano Donizetti was born at Bergamo in 1797 and died there in 1848. He trained at the Bergamo Music School and the Bologna



Liceo. He began composing in 1816 against the opposition of his family, which opposition caused him to join (Continued on page 2)

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## Netherlands Semipostals Due August 24; Swiss Item For Airport Inauguration

Two of the world's most popular nations in the stamp collector's "Hit Parade" are The Netherlands and Switzerland both of which have announced attractive new issues for release in the last full week of this month. The former will release five semipostals with a Red Cross theme on August 24, and the latter a single commemorative in four colors to mark the inauguration of service at the Zurich-Kloten International Airport. The surtax from the Dutch semipostals will be devoted to the needs of the Red Cross Society of The Netherlands. The Swiss item is strictly a commemorative-propaganda piece.

Each of the Holland semipostals will have the cross in red while the second color is listed with the design, designer, and denominations. Only the 10c plus 5c is in a single color.



terminate on December 31.

In a 40c denomination, printing will be by rotary photogravure in four colors, blue, gray, gray blue and red. The firm of Courvoisier of La Chaux de Fonds is the printer.

Two Zurich artists conceived the design, Eugene and Max Lenz.

Special post cards and special envelopes cancelled bearing the new stamp, or uncancelled have been prepared for the organizing committee and will be made available to foreign stamp collectors through the Philatelic Agency at Zurich.

Unaddressed and unfranked cards and envelopes are sold at 50 centimes.

Addressed and prepaid with the special stamp at 1 franc per card or envelope. Cancellation will be applied on the first day of issue, August 29, or on the second day of the celebration at the Zurich Airport on August 30. Purchasers can order both dates or either one, but they must designate which.

Cards or envelopes prepaid with the new stamp, but unaddressed, can also be purchased at 1 franc each. Collectors can have one of a variety of postmarks applied to each—they must designate their choice.

These are: — "Wertzeichverkaufsstelle", "Schweiz PTT Museum", "Bern 7, Briefannahme", "Bern Ausgabetag", "Berne Jour d'emission" and "Berna Giorno d'emission". The last three named cancellations are only used on the first day of issue August 29.

On Swiss franc (100 centimes) is currently worth approximately 25c in United States currency. Payments for stamps and services can be made by money order or certified check. Orders and payments are to be sent to the Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bolwerk 8, Berne, Switzerland.

An amount must be included to pay the return postage cost of stamps and unaddressed covers.

## Evita Peron On Argentina Stationery

Additional postal stationery is due at some future date over and above the two pieces released July 14 by Argentina. On that date, according to H. G. Spanton of Buenos Aires, Argentina a 20c closed letter card which sells to the public for 35c, and double International postal cards each with a face of 15c and a surtax of 15c, were placed on sale.

Both bear the likeness of Eva Peron. At the time of the original decree which provided for stamps and other items with her portrait the plan was to have stamped envelopes, airmail letter sheets and aerograms.

## Devalue Israel Pound August 1

According to the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Israel on August 1 devalued its Pound. Formerly one United States dollar would buy one Israeli Pound, one pound consisting of 1000 pruta.

The new rate is 1800 pruta for a dollar or 1.8 Pounds. This amounts to an 80% increase in the buying power of the dollar.

Israel stamps withdrawn from sale on July 31 are the Jerusalem 250p.; University 100p.; Negev 500p.; Menora 1000p.; Z.O.A. 220p.; Airmail 1000p.



The Administration Building of the Zurich-Kloten International Airport as seen past the vertical rudder of a plane occupies the design of the Swiss commem. It will have its first day of issue on August 29. Its sale and validity will both

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### Airletter Is Now Aerogramme

To conform with a recent decision of the Universal Postal Union, Australia's 10d airletter will in future be known as an "Aerogramme" and this word will replace the word "Airletter" on the form.

In announcing this, Australian Postmaster General Hubert L. Anthony said the opportunity was being taken to alter the design of the impressed 10-pence stamp. The new design will consist of an airplane superimposed on a globe, over an outline map of Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.

The new Aerogramme went on sale at stamp counters and the Philatelic Section at General Post Offices in State capitals July 29. Subsequently the new type will be available at other post offices as stocks of the earlier form become exhausted.

Mr. Anthony noted that more than 13,000,000 of the special airmail letter forms are issued yearly in Australia.

### Reports Vatican Stamp Variety

A series of hitherto unreported errors are reported from Vatican City by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

Mr. Ostrow reports that, by a curious plate flaw, the 25L value of the 1949 Holy Year issue appears with what looks like a dove hovering just above the church at the extreme background.

Also reported are two pictorial postcards, one with a 20L imprinted stamp super-imposed upon the 13L stamp and the two pictorial views superimposed one on the other, while the second postcard shows so marked a shift that the 20L imprinted stamp is printed out of its frame while the pictorial portion of the card has been double-printed.

Seen as well is the recent 80L brown airsheet in two stages of completion—one sheet lacking the imprinted stamp, the other lacking the inscription "Par Avion." The current 80L blue airsheet has been received lacking both imprinted stamp and "Par Avion" inscription.

The Gage Park Stamp Club announces their new publication called the "Gapex Magnifier." Published monthly the "Gapex Magnifier" includes items of current interest on stamps, anecdotes about members, reviews, a trading column and general matter in regard to future activities. Gage Park Stamp Club welcomes any one who has an interest in stamps. Meetings are every Thursday, at 8:00 p. m. in the Gage Park Fieldhouse on 2411 W. 55th St., Chicago, Ill.

The Gage Park Stamp Club produces Bulletin

Collectors of covers and postal markings of the Arctic and Antarctic, Alaska and Greenland should be interested to learn of a newly formed group, the Polar Postal History Society of Great Britain, devoted to the study and publication of information on the postal history of these not-so-empty remote areas.

The Society also serves as a medium for collectors of this type of material to correspond, to exchange and acquire items for their collections. The vast increase in the collecting of polar-area covers and postmarks is a natural result of the interest of philatelists in the international political race for "claims" in those areas. New expeditions depart every year, more weather-stations appear, new air bases and air routes are established and with them come increasing changes in the postal history.

Admiral Byrd's newest expedition to the Antarctic this summer will undoubtedly provide some nice covers.

The Polar Postal History Society was formed last September by H. E. J. Evans, 32 Salisbury Road, Gosham, Portsmouth, England, who can be contacted by interested persons.

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the Austrian Army until 1822 when it was released after his success with Zoriade.

Donizetti was a competitor of Rossini, whom he echoed. With the death of Bellini he became more original, producing Anna Bolena, followed by Lucia in 1835, in which year he became a professor at the Conservatory of Naples, and from 1837 to 1839 was its director.

The censors of Naples prohibited his Poliuto and he left for Paris in 1839, where he was active many years, until stricken with paralysis in 1845. His last years produced La Favorita, 1840, Linda (Vienna) 1842 and Don Pasquale 1843.

Sentimental melody and graceful construction were his talent, rather than strong characterization of personages. He composed numerous operas, two Masses, a Requiem Mass, two Ave Marias, cantatas, etc.

### 27th Milan Fair—April 1940

The Milan Trades Fair is the most important and largest Fair held in Italy. It was first held April 12-27, 1920 (1919?) and continued each year until 1943 when it was suspended during the intensity of the war in Italy. The Fair Grounds are in the heart of the city, eighty and one quarter acres in extent.

Postage stamp showing the 27th Milan Fair, 1920. The stamp is rectangular with a decorative border. It features a central illustration of a building or pavilion, possibly the Doge's Palace, with figures in the foreground. The text "POSTAGNALE ITALIANA" is at the top, "27 MILANO APRILE 1920" is in the center, and "50 LIRE" is at the bottom right.

In 1934 on the occasion of the XVth Fair, a series of four stamps was issued for the Italian Colonies commemorating it having a Mercury and Fasces design. At the time of the XVIIth Fair in 1936 there was a set of four stamps issued for Italy likewise commemorating the Fair.

Even though Milan received a terrific pummeling from the air during the war, it was able to reopen the Fair, September, 1946, while the Allied Forces occupied one third of the old Fair Grounds. New pavilions were built and 1946 offered 92 per cent of the pre-war space.

In 1947 the old Fair Grounds were regained and since then Milan has held the Fair annually in the Spring. Only four foreign nations took part in the Fair of 1946, but in 1949 there were eighteen.

Gate receipts rose from 10 billion Lire in 1946 to 35 billion in 1948. Attendance rose from 1½ millions in 1946 to 3½ millions in 1948.

On the stamp is pictured the Palazzo delle Nazioni, work of the architects Bianchetti and Pea, before which is gathered a crowd of visitors to the Fair. In the right foreground is a pennant with the standard of Milan, and beyond it the radio antenna of the Fair.

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this series.)

The Campanile of St. Marks. It stands 325 feet high in the southeast angle of the Piazza San Marco, and was erected in 900, rebuilt in 1329, provided with a new upper story by Bart. Buon the Younger after the earthquake of 1512.

In July 1902 it collapsed, but through a world-wide subscription it was rebuilt 1905-11 by Piacentini. It is an unadorned brick shaft 160 feet high, surmounted by a bell chamber of Istrian limestone, which is adorned with reliefs of Justice and the Lion of San Marco, and surmounted by a gilded angel.

20L The Lion Standard. The Lion is symbolic of St. Mark, taken from the Apocalypse, and shows the Lion holding open the Gospel of St. Mark with his paw. It recalls the Republic of Venice.

The Stern of the Bucintoro (Bucentaur). This world renowned vessel was the emblem of the maritime power of Venice, propelled by 84 golden oars by 164 rowers. It was gloriously painted, carved and gilded, with decks inlaid with mother of pearl and ebony.



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Mr. Ball sends us a clipping which illustrates a New Zealand Coronation cover and has about six inches, double column of reading under the picture and telling the story. Just what the story is is of no great consequence, but Mr. Ball explains in his letter just what this story meant to the Editor of a big Miami Daily Newspaper and points out the way for you to get publicity for yourself and publicity for stamp collecting. It helps the hobby by interesting other people and it helps you and your business for the reasons as pointed out before.

Here is Mr. Ball's letter, read it, study it and make up your mind to watch for similar opportunities to break into the news in your community. It will pay off big for you and for our hobby.

"The content of the enclosed clipping is of no interest to you—it contains, in fact, several errors of fact—but the existence of such a clipping, from The Miami Daily News should be of interest to all philatelists.

"Philately, which has more adherents than any other hobby, is missing a great opportunity by not seeking more publicity through daily newspapers everywhere. I don't mean just announcements of stamp club meetings, or articles and pictures of run of the mill covers and new issues, although more power to those who can interest editors in those things; but I mean in exploiting the real news worth of stamps and covers which have genuine news tie-in. The city editor of The Miami Daily News almost embraced me in glee when I suggested his using the New Zealand coronation cover received by my daughter. Although the paper was devoting nearly 30 columns of space to the Coro-

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tion on each of the two big days, he had only one other local angle item—a picture of a little girl who had received a toy coronation coach.

"I wonder how many papers in other cities devoted any space to coronation covers and stamps. And in those which didn't, I'll bet the city editors would have been very glad to have had some reader walk in with a first-day cover of coronation stamps, especially if the recipient were a child, or if there was any "angle" at all to it.

"I should think that greater publicity at the local paper level would greatly increase philatelic interest, aid publications such as Linn's, create more collectors instead of savers and generally give stamp collecting a shot in the arm. How about that?

"I am told that this cover was photographed directly by the engravers, rather than a photographer taking a shot and then making a glossy print. Is that the way you do it? This came out fairly well, it seems to me, despite the great reduction.

"My daughter, incidentally, shows every possibility of becoming an ardent cover collector. My own interest is new British stamps plus U. S.—and I'm rather irked at the high values being put forth by the British colonies, which is plainly a grab for collector's dollars. Sincerely, Keith Ball!

No, you do not have to have a photograph of the stamp or cover for your local newspaper, just lend them the cover, they make a cut direct from it and without injury or damage to your cover.

Note also that Mr. Ball is "irked" by the flood of high value British Colonial issues. You better all get "irked" and complain loudly at once or else you will be nicked for a huge sum by the dollar hungry British Empire.

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## Commem For W. A. Stamp Centenary

Further details relative to Australian stamps due in the coming months have been supplied by Maj. R. C. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia. He advises that Australian Postmaster General Hubert Anthony has released further details of new postage stamps to be issued by his Department.

A 3½d postage stamp to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the official establishment of Young Farmers' Clubs in Australia will be issued on Thursday September 3 and will remain on sale at Australian post offices for approximately one month.

The stamp will be printed in two colors, the frame in green and the central design in red brown. It will be the first Australian bi-colored commemorative stamp, and the design, typifying the Young Farmers' Club movement, will show a boy and a girl with a calf.

A special postage stamp will be issued during 1954 to commemorate the centenary of the issue of the first postage stamps in Western Australia.

The first Western Australian stamps were issued in 1854, and the commemorative design will incorporate a reproduction of one of the first designs, all of which depicted a Swan.

Mr. Anthony added that in November 1953, a 3d stamp will be issued to commemorate the centenary of the first Tasmanian stamps.

## CORRECTION NOTICE . . .

In the August 3 edition the ad of the House of Philately, P. O. Box 133, New York 24, N. Y. carried a listing of San Marino, Scott No. C80 imperforate at 36 cents. According to the Sanabria Airport Catalog the value of the imperf is \$75, and so the printed price as given in the ad is obviously incorrect. The actual selling price is \$36.

## 1953 STAMP PROGRAM

Aug. 24—American Bar Association 3c, Boston, Mass. (106 million, 50 per pane).

Oct. 13—Future Farmers of America 3c, Kansas City, Mo.

Oct. 27—Trucking Industry, Los Angeles, Calif. (Value to be announced).

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1017—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. February 23.

1018—Ohio Sesqui 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio, March 2.

1019—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash., March 2.

1020—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo., April 30.

C47—Aviation 6c, Dayton, Ohio, May 29.

1021—Commodore Perry 5c, Washington, D. C., July 14.

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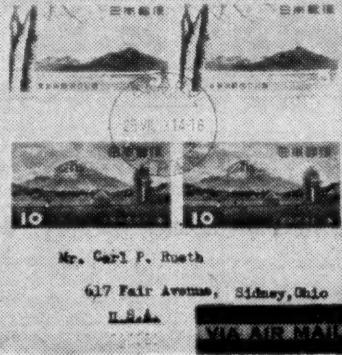
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BY CARL P. RUETH

Whether you approve of, or don't even collect UN stamps, the fact remains that the UN Postal Administration is making quite an effort to keep the queer stuff out of circulation. By that I mean imperforates, poorly inked plates, way off center stamps and other varieties incidental to manufacture.

As this material shows up the postal and philatelic clerks are instructed to get it out of the way immediately. When a fair accumulation of it has developed two firemen of the UN fire department take the sheets and pieces of the miseries to the roof where they are burned to ashes. One fireman acts as a check on the other to make sure none of the material escapes.

The making of the UN issues available at a desk in the public part of the UN Building has done a lot to spur sales. It seems that a majority of the tourists take advantage of the opportunity of sending stamps, cards and covers to the folks back home.

Even if you aren't interested in the postal issues if you visit New York a tour of the UN Building should be a must on your things to do and see.

1. If you would want to make a title page for your collection and place thereon a stamp picturing the Great Seal of the United States, what stamp could you use?

2. Who are the men shown with Betsy Ross on the Betsy Ross commemorative?

LeRoy E. Bailey of Douglas, Arizona writes that the first day of use of the Gadsden Purchase slogan cancellation in his city was on July 21. The Douglas Daily Dispatch had a three-column page one picture of a cover bearing an impression of it.

Sadly, when comparing it to the many colorful and expressive foreign slogan cancels, this one like most other U. S. slogans is an uninspired and drab affair—just three lines in a box.

When it comes to philately our postal officials are as unimaginative and unconcerned as the huge building in which they have their offices.

One of the nation's mail mills which has gotten a lot of attention from postmark collectors is Produce, Fla. It has been used often in the making of such phrases as "Produce (Fla) Black (Ala) Mud (W. Va)" with postmarks.

This office will be assimilated into the Tampa post office as a branch soon as new quarters to house it are completed. George H. Conaway of Riverview, Fla. states that the Produce office was originally situated in the midst of a produce marketing area and that its chief business was the making out of money orders although general mail services were carried on.

The name Produce will still appear as part of the postmark but subordinated to the Tampa.

I wonder how many New Yorkers know about the Miller Collection which the Public Library, 42nd St. and Fifth Ave. has on display and how many have visited it. According to Fred Rose of New York City it is quite a worthy piece of view-

ing and display including a copy of the 24¢ inverted airmail of the U. S.

One of the chief attractions of this collection is that a number of ideas can be gained for the mounting of one's own United States material. Those who will visit the big city on vacations or otherwise could spend some profitable time there.

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What is the difference between mint and unused as applied to stamps, asks a reader who confesses to being new to the hobby. That one had me for a while years ago when I broke the philatelic ice.

**Mint and Unused** stamps are both good for postage in that they have never been cancelled. However there is a difference in the quality of appearance.

A **Mint** stamp is one with full gum, full color and with a fresh look it had when purchased from the post office or philatelic agency.

An **Unused** might or might not have full gum, maybe only part gum or none at all, while the color and general appearance is not of the sparkling freshness of a mint stamp.

It probably isn't out of line to point out that unused valuable regulars and commems aren't as innocent as the naked eye would indicate now and again. Clever persons take used items, remove the cancellation, and sell them as "unused, without gum", or if they carry their "doctoring" a step further, they add gum.

The adding of gum is an easy thing to spot if you know what to look for.

Holding a "cleaned" stamp under a black light will show the cancellation even though you couldn't tell it with the unaided eye.

Uncle Sammy's secret service agents of the Treasury are delighted no end to meet up with a stamp cleaner. They send him to a federal pokey, such as Leavenworth, where the character is assigned to work in the prison laundry!

While we are on basic philately it

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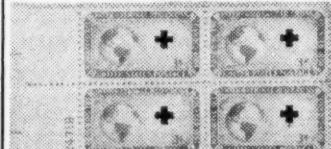
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might be well to answer another tenderfoot as to "what is a plate block?"

Since 1940 nearly all stamps have been printed on the rotary press and those are the kind, with the exception of the \$1, \$2 and \$5 Presidential regulars, you will find at the post office or philatelic agency.



A rotary press plate block (Red Cross Commem.). The No. 24179 on the selvedge is the number of the plate from which the stamp was printed. Usually there are from four to eight different plate numbers for each commemorative. The above is from a lower left (generally abbreviated "L.L.") pane of fifty stamps.

If you have seen a full sheet of stamps you will have noted that on one of the four corners on the unprinted border of paper, called the selvedge there is a number. It is opposite the corner stamp.

Now if you will remove the four stamps, two one way and two the other, where this number is situated, as a unit, including that part of the selvedge with the number, that is a plate block.



A flat press plate block of six (Boulder Dam). The number, 21457, is above the fifth stamp from the left side of the pane. As can be seen, the single stamp with the number above it in the selvedge could be taken as a plate single; or the plate stamp and the one on either side could be collected as a strip of three; or, kept as a plate block of six as illustrated.

Stamps printed on the flat bed press have the plate number so located that you need three stamps in a row to get it in suitable, or collectable block form. That means you will have the three stamps with the selvedge and the three directly behind them for a block of six.

Flat plate numbers are also collected in strips of three stamps, that is the three and the selvedge having the number are collected as a unit.

Then too, a number of plate fans gather just the one stamp with the number opposite in the selvedge. These are called plate singles.

1. The 16¢ airmail special deliveries of 1934 and 1936.

2. George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross.

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**SOMALIA**. The B. A. set 21-31 has been advancing due to demand and scarcity and it will probably continue to advance in price. The used stamps are scarcer than the mint.

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This stamp is quite scarce mint and the used price is low.

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The stamps of Southern Rhodesia have become popular and increases in price can be expected. Do not overlook the commemorative issues, such as 56-63, 64 and 73, and the recently issued Rhodes Centenary set.

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